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SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM: May I know, Sir, why the Indian Medical Council Act that was passed last year has not yet come into force?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: Steps are being taken, Sir, to bring it into force.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM: With reference to the answer of the Hon. Minister to clause (*b*), may I know whether there is any registration of these G.C.I.M. diploma holders at present?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: Yes, Sir. They are registered as 'A' class practitioners. They are also appointed to certain categories of posts and not to certain other categories of posts under the Medical Department.

DR. V. K. JOHN: Sir, may I know how long it will take to bring this Act into force—years, months or days?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: The hon. the Deputy Leader of the Opposition has exhausted all the categories of time. I cannot all of a sudden say within which time it will be done.

DR. V. K. JOHN: Sir, will it come into force in 1958?

Rural Transport

*3 *Q*.—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Electricity be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any survey has been carried out by the State Government in regard to the present condition of rural transport and its adequacy in each district;

(*b*) the steps, if any, taken to improve rural transport with special reference to provision of bus transport in interior villages; and

(*c*) the number of new bus routes opened in each district during 1956-57 and the number proposed to be opened in each district during 1957-58?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) The Regional Transport Officers in their tours study the adequacy of existing traffic facilities. Whenever there is need for additional Services, new routes are opened. While so doing, due attention is being paid for provision of transport facilities to rural areas wherever National Extension Service and Community Development Schemes are in progress.

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(*c*) The particulars are as follows :—

District.	Number of new bus routes opened in each district during 1956–57.	Number of new routes proposed to be opened during 1957–58.
(1)	(2)	(3)
North Arcot	3	11
Ramanathapuram .. .	Nil.	13
Tiruchirappalli	5	19
Madurai	Nil.	2
South Arcot	8	30
Nilgiris	2	2
Coimbatore	6	24
Tirunelveli	1	10
Chingleput	6	2
Tanjore	2	23
Kanyakumari	Nil.	20
Salem	17	14

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Sir, with reference to the answer to clause (*a*) of the question, will the Government consider the question of instituting a comprehensive survey so that we could examine this problem of rural transport in all its aspects districtwar? 3-30 p.m.

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : Sir, I have no proposal to institute any survey immediately, but to study this problem of rural transport, we have Advisory Committees as such functioning in each district and I have a proposal to reconstitute these Committees to get more non-official members to look into the question of development and other transport problems.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Sir, will the Government consider in this connexion the grant of permits in such cases to local villagers or local village agencies who would be most interested in the efficient running of such rural bus service?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : Sir, if local village people are able to run the bus service effectively and efficiently, I do not see any reason why they should be shut out. I do not think that even now they are shut out.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Sir, may I know how many times these Advisory Committees meet in a year?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : I do not have any details now, but from what I know, they have not met very often.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Sir, may I bring to the notice of the Hon. Minister that in the case of Madras City, the Advisory Committee meets every month? Will be see that the Advisory Committees in the rural parts meet at least once in three months?

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THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : I have studied the whole problem and I feel that the Advisory Committees should meet more often. I am taking steps to see that they meet often and also transact business effectively.

DR. V. K. JOHN : Sir, will not a comprehensive survey help the Committees and the Government to come to right conclusions and will the Government at least make a beginning to have a comprehensive survey?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : By constituting these Advisory Committees, I consider good work can be done. If I find that these Committees are not doing any effective work, the question of a comprehensive survey and deep study may be considered later on.

SRI M. ETHIRAJALU : பெரும்பாலான பஸ் நிலையங்களில் பஸ்கள் புறப்படும் கால அட்டவணை போடாத காரணத்தால் பொது மக்களுக்குக் குழப்பம் ஏற்படுவதைத் தடுக்க ஒவ்வொரு நிலையத்திலும் கால அட்டவணை போட சர்க்கார் நடவடிக்கை எடுக்குமா ?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : I will consider the suggestion.

UNSTARRED QUESTION.

Schools maintained by the Panchayat Boards

4 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of schools maintained by Panchayat Boards in the State (elementary schools, higher elementary schools and high schools);

(*b*) the scale of pay prescribed for the teachers in those schools and how much of it is met as grants from State funds;

(*c*) the procedure adopted for remitting the monthly salary to the teachers in panchayat schools;

(*d*) the number of teachers in panchayat schools admitted to the benefits of Provident Fund district-war; and

(*e*) the steps taken to get admitted to the Provident Fund those who are not subscribing to the Provident Fund now?

A.—A statement [a] is laid on the table of the House.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Questions are over.

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 44–46 *infra*.